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1. [REDACTED] CHILEAN

MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE MIDDLE GRADES BETWEEN LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND COLONEL HAVE REACTED ANGRILY TO THE LANGUAGE OF SOME OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS INTRODUCED AT THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OASGA). THE OFFICERS REGARD THEM AS UNJUSTIFIED AND INACCURATE ATTACKS ON CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES. THE RESOLUTIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE FURTHER

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EVIDENCE THAT THE CHILEAN EFFORT TO BE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO FOREIGN GROUPS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS IS DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE OF PREJUDGEMENT OF THE CHILEAN SITUATION.

2. SENIOR CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICERS, ACTING THROUGH GENERAL HERMAN BEJARES, MINISTER SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, HAVE ENDEAVORED TO EASE THE CONCERN OF MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS BY ASSURING THEM THAT THE FINAL RESOLUTION TO BE VOTED ON BY THE OASGA WILL BE MUCH LESS ACCUSATIVE IN TONE. GENERAL BEJARES HAS ASKED KEY MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS TO LOBBY AMONG THEIR CONTEMPORARIES, SUGGESTING THAT THEY WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE OASGA BEFORE REACHING CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE VALUE OF HAVING INVITED THE OASGA TO MEET IN CHILE.

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